



THE CARMELITE

Parish of Port Melbourne and Middle Park
in the care of the Carmelites since 1882

*We acknowledge the Yalukit Willam Clan, the traditional owners and custodians of this land. We pay our respects to them.
May we walk gently here.*

5th Sunday of Easter

2 May 2021

Until I spent time on a vineyard ten years ago, I always heard the parable of the vinedresser as a tough, 'shape up or ship out' message. I always imagined God as the vinedresser having a field day lopping and cutting my dead branches, trimming my unproductive stems and uprooting all the rot that undermines my fruitfulness. It always felt like a violent activity.

It was a pleasant surprise then, to actually see a vinedresser in action. Far from an act of violence, the care paid by the dresser to each stem is extraordinary. He or she carefully inspects the branch, delicately cutting only the smallest amount so that the vine will be healthier and more productive. A good vinedresser pores over the vines and from experience knows that to cut too much or too little will render the vine without its distinctive character. Every cut is measured and aimed to prune back only the diseased branch, so as to bring about greater growth for the whole vine and a bigger yield for the vineyard. The vinedresser is not violent with the vine, but extremely tender. The first hearers of today's Gospel would have known that this metaphor is anything but a 'shape up or ship out' message.

This parable is a profound insight into the Christian life. We can claim to belong to the Christian family all we like. We can come to Mass every Sunday. But if the fruit we produce is bitter and poisonous, if we are unforgiving, unjust and uncaring, we cannot claim to be on the vine of Christ's love. And if that's the case we are in desperate need of the gentle hand of the vinedresser, who only wants to see us bring forth the yield we are capable of achieving.

Rev Billy Graham once said, 'Being a member of the Church no more makes you a Christian than living in a garage makes you a car.' That's the point of today's Gospel: God will not judge us by what we say or the public face of goodness we can turn on, we will be judged by our acts of love in and through our kindness and compassion.

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OUR PARISH

Churches

St Joseph's
cnr Rouse & Stokes Streets
Port Melbourne

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
cnr Richardson & Wright Streets
Middle Park

Sunday Masses

6.00pm (Sat) Mount Carmel
9.00am Saint Joseph's
10.30am Mount Carmel

Reconciliation

after 9.00am Mass Saturday

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THIS WEEK

Monday 3 May

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Tuesday 4 May

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Wednesday 5 May

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's **followed by**
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday 6 May

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Friday 7 May

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's followed by
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 8 May

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

6.00pm Vigil Mass, Mt Carmel

Sunday 9 May - 6th Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

10.00am Baptism and Confirmation, St Joseph's

10.30am Mass, Mt Carmel

11.00am Indonesian Catholic Community Mass, St Joseph's

WE REMEMBER

Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer: Theody Advincula, Thecla Broderick, Paul Caghi - Cao, Nawal Cox, Maria De Nittis, Kelly Edwards, Judy Fairhall, Frances Farrugia, Lyn Faul, Rose Fennell, Gary Finn, Maurice Fitzpatrick, Gerard Friary, Ivy Hermence, Ernie Knight, Marino Mihocic, Felicity Morgan, Marie O'Connor, Sylvia Poliakova, Rafal Rafalski, Michael Ristevski, Lucie Carmen Rodriguez, Dennis Rohan, Lorraine Rohan, Keith Ryder, Teresa Sheehan, Jane Spiteri, Helen Stanley, Jim Sullivan, Maureen Toohey, Troy Vincent, Julie Wain, Sr Barbara Walsh RSG, Jonathon Wil, Vivienne Williams, Tami Yap.

Those whose have died recently: Fr Peter Jones SJ, Norma Moresco (mother of Br Daryl Moresco, OCarm.) and all those affected by COVID_19 throughout the world.

Those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time: Tom Cummins, Michael Twomey, and Carmelite, John Scanlon.

IN OUR PARISH

This metaphor also reminds us that we are connected to each other. There are moments in our life of faith when we hear or see other Christians saying or doing things we cannot countenance. We can try to disown them by retreating into our denomination, but we are all connected in Christ's vineyard. We need the courage to tell them the truth as we see it, and charitably point out the problems we have with what they think is right. And we need the humility to listen when they challenge us.

It's even harder when the diseased part of the vine is in our own Catholic section of the vineyard. Our first instinct can be to lop off the branch, just to get rid of it. But as any vinedresser knows this is the last resort. Whether we find it easy or not, Christ calls us to limited surgical interventions over amputations every time. This is tough love. Even though there are people within our community who have committed terrible crimes and betrayed our trust, the Gospel calls us to hold on to them until it's clear that no matter what intervention we make, they are dying on Christ's vine already. And even then, we hope and pray that our action towards them might see a new growth within them which could be the beginning of a possible grafting back on to us in the future.

In the face of the world's 'shape up or ship out' principle, today's Gospel challenges us to hang in there with each other, in season and out of season, because as the old folk hymn sings, 'They'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.'

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MINISTERS

8/9 May
6th Sunday of Easter

6.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Commentator: Pat Mount

Readers: Tris Tanumihardjo

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Mount

Communion to the Sick: N/A

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: Rob Lever

Reader: Brian Harrison

Eucharistic Ministers: Elaine Chaffer

Counters: Frances Moore & Lily Li

Childrens' Liturgy: N/A

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: Margaret Fagan

Readers: Peter Thomas

Eucharistic Ministers: Margaret Fagan

Childrens' Liturgy: Bernadette Hickey

Hospitality: Marie Callaghan

THANK YOU

for your generosity last Sunday **St Joseph's**

Carmelite and

Parish Offering \$1,203.00

Our Lady of Mt Carmel

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Parish Offering \$1,083.00

OUR LITURGY

GATHERING HYMN

GATHER US TOGETHER

REFRAIN:



Lord, Je - sus Christ, gath - er us to - geth - er. Make us one _ bread, one _

Fine VERSES:



bod - y in your _ love. 1. Gath - er your peo - ple, who long
3. For - give our fail - ings, cre - ate
5. With - in your tem - ple your prais -



to Refrain

1. to be one, One with you, O Lord, in truth and love.
3. us a - new. Speak your words of peace in - to our hearts.
5. es we sing. Glo - rious is your name o'er all the earth.

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PENITENTIAL RITE

All:



All:

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

All:



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

"Mass of Light"
David Haas, 1987

GLORIA

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6 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good

10 will. We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we glo - ri - fy

14 you. We give you thanks for your great glor - ry, Lord God,

18 hea - ven - ly King, O God al - migh - ty Fa - ther.

22 Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly be - got - ten Son,

26 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you

30 take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on

34 us. You take a - way the sins of the world, re -

39 ceive our prayer; You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

45 Fath - er, have mer - cy on us.

49 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

53 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus

57 Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

61 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

A men.

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Acts 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 66: LET ALL THE EARTH

Refrain

Let all the earth cry out with joy to the Lord;
let all the earth cry out with joy to the Lord!

Cry out in joy to the Lord, all peoples on earth,
sing to the praise of God's name, proclaiming for ever,
'tremendous your deeds for us. Oh

Leading your people safe through fire and water,
bringing their souls to life,
we sing of your glory, your love is eternal. Oh

Hearken to me as I sing my love of the Lord,
who answers the prayer of my heart.
God leads me in safety, from death unto life. Oh

Every branch in me that bears no fruit
he cuts away,
and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes
to make it bear even more.
You are pruned already,
by means of the word that I have spoken to you.
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,
but must remain part of the vine,
neither can you unless you remain in me.
I am the vine,
you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,
bears fruit in plenty;
for cut off from me you can do nothing.
Anyone who does not remain in me
is like a branch that has been thrown away
– he withers;
these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,
and they are burnt.
If you remain in me
and my words remain in you,
you may ask what you will
and you shall get it.
It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit,
and then you will be my disciples.'

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Cel: The Lord be with you. **All: And with your Spirit.**

Cel: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Cel: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **All: It is right and just.**

The Celebrant prays the preface at the end of which all sing:

HOLY HOLY

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

Randall DeBruyn
Mass of the Resurrection

We pro-claim your death, O Lord, and pro-fess your res-ur-rec-tion un-til you come a-gain, un-til you come a-gain.

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LAMB OF GOD

1-2. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world; have mer-cy on us.

3. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world; grant us peace.

Cel: Behold the Lamb of God. Behold
him who takes away the sins of the World.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

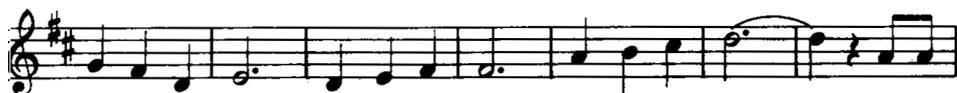
COMMUNION HYMN

WE HAVE BEEN TOLD

David Haas

ANTIPHON:

 We have been told, we've seen his face and heard his voice — a-


 live in our hearts; "Live in my love with all your heart, — as the


 Fa-ther has loved me, so I have loved you." — you. —


 — As the Fa-ther has loved me, so I have loved you." —

VERSES:


1. "I am the vine, you are the branch-es, and
2. "You are my friends, if you keep my com-ands, —
3. "No great-er love is there than this: to



1. all — who live in me will bear — great fruit." —
2. no long-er slaves, I call you friends." —
3. lay down one's life for — a friend." —

REFRAIN:



The heav-ens are tell-ing the glo-ry of God, and all cre-
 a-tion is shout-ing for joy. Come, dance in the for-est, come,
 play in the field, and sing, sing to the glo-ry
 of the Lord. Lord; Sing,
 sing to the glo-ry of the Lord! *Fine*

VERSES:



1. Sing to the sun, the bring-er of day, he car-ries the
 2. Praise to the wind, that blows through the trees, the seas might-y
 1. light of the Lord in his rays, the moon and the stars, who
 2. storms, the gen-tl-est breeze, they blow where they will, they
 to Refrain
 1. light up the way un-to your throne.
 2. blow where they please. to please the Lord.

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